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1. During August 1953 the Engineering Department of the Chinese Communist Airforce and the Second Ministry Machine Industry (SMMI) commenced expansion of the T'aiyuan (N 37-52, E 112-35) machine repair shop. This had been considered a major project in the mainland defense construction program, but was delayed because expansion plans were revised three times. After expansion this shop will be the largest installation in North China for the repair of propellor-driven aircraft.
2. During September 1953, under the direction of the SMMI, personnel of the machine repair shop began the expansion with the aid of the Central Supply and Service Command.
3. A portion of the machinery to be used in the expansion is expected to arrive from the Soviet Union in February 1954. It is expected that the expanded shop will be able to resume operation in January 1955.

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